

GRAND ARMY MATTERS.

BALTIMORE PREPARED TO WELCOME THE DELEGATES HOSPITABLY.

Conference with Representative Business Men.
Letter from Richmond Blues—Anxious Inquiries for Hotel Accommodations.
The Reductions in Railway Rates, &c., &c., &c.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

BALTIMORE, May 10.—The arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the National Encampment are being perfected as rapidly as possible, and the indications are that the attendance of uniformed members of the Grand Army throughout the United States will exceed that of any Reunion since the Order was established. General Ross, Chairman of the National Committee, earnestly requests that all members of the Grand Army, whether delegates or not, procure the regulation uniform. As already announced, the reduction in railway fares secured to uniformed members, will, in many cases, save to visitors more than the price of the blue flannel suit, which can be worn subsequently, without the Grand Army buttons, as an every-day business suit. It is the intention of the Committee of Arrangements to dispense with tickets to the Academy of Music, and wherever receptions are held—the uniform of the members being the only requisite for admission at all times. The necessity of all visitors procuring the uniform is thus apparent.

Secretary Thompson and his corps of assistants at Grand Army Headquarters are closely engaged in mapping out details and replying to inquiries. Numerous letters and telegrams are received daily, many of them asking for hotel accommodations. In this connection General Ross desires to state, through the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, that all applications for quarters should be made at the earliest possible moment. The hotel accommodations are limited, and, while there will be no difficulty in securing quarters at small hotels and boarding houses, those desiring accommodations at the large, centrally-located hotels should not defer a moment in making their applications. All communications on this and other subjects should be made to Grand Army Headquarters, South and Second streets.

CONFERENCE WITH MERCHANTS.

An adjourned meeting of the Executive Committee for the purpose of a conference with prominent business men on the subject of organizing a hospitality committee to provide suitable entertainment for visiting bodies was held at the rooms of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association on Tuesday. Ex-Mayor F. C. LaRoe was elected chairman, and John R. Bland, secretary. Gen. Ross read a list of names of gentlemen invited to serve on the hospitality committee as follows: Hon. F. C. LaRoe, John C. Barkley, John T. Ford, Col. Fred. Raine, Wm. Schnauffer, George Colton, Joshua Horner, Wm. S. Powell, Col. Harrison Adron, Gen. Graham Dukehart, A. A. Hasson, George W. Knapp, Horace Slingshuff, David W. Newbold, Gen. Felix Agnus, James R. Brewer, George R. Creamer, General W. E. W. Ross, Colonel Stewart Brown, George H. C. Neal, W. O. Saville, General James H. Herbert, S. M. Sparklin, A. G. Alfred, H. G. Haynes, John R. Bland, John W. Watkins, George F. Sloan, Geo. P. Mott, Charles W. Hatter, Colonel Edwin H. Webster, Robert M. Prewitt, A. C. Matthews, Hon. John L. Thomas, Colonel Sheldon, Chris. Bartlett, C. C. Isaacs, James A. Whiting, Wesley M. Oler, Wm. A. Marburg, Gen. R. H. Carr, Colonel C. R. Hogan, John M. McCintock, Col. Eugene T. Joyce, James Hodges, John Gill, Henry C. Smith, Wm. H. Perkins, and Woodward Abrahams.

General Ross submitted a list showing the number of Posts that will attend from different States, as follows: Maine 15, New Hampshire 13, Vermont 7, Massachusetts 30, Rhode Island 7, Connecticut 12, New York 30, Pennsylvania 45, Delaware 7, Maryland 14, Virginia 12, District of Columbia 15, Ohio 30, Illinois 12, Indiana 10, Wisconsin 10, Nebraska 12, Iowa 5, Michigan 8, California 12, Kansas 4, Colorado 7, New Jersey 20, Minnesota 4, total 341.

On motion of General Ross, a committee was appointed, composed of John T. Ford, Horace Slingshuff, and General R. H. Carr, to wait upon the Mayor and confer with the City Council committee as to what the city will do to cooperate with the hospitality committee. Gen. LaRoe is to be an ex-officio member of this committee. The same committee is also to confer with Gen. Herbert, brigadier-general of the Maryland militia, as to what can be done to entertain the visiting military organizations.

On motion of Mr. Wm. S. Powell, a ways and means committee was formed, composed of Messrs. Barkley, Neal, Scoville, Matthews, and Marburg, to devise means how to raise \$15,000, the least amount required to defray the expenses of providing for the entertainment of visitors. In this connection it was suggested that the appropriation made by the City Council should be increased to at least \$50,000. It was further agreed that the hospitality committee is to meet every Monday at 12 o'clock.

THE RICHMOND BLUES.
General Ross received the following letter from Captain John S. Wise, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, one of the best known of the old confederate organizations:

RICHMOND, VA., May 6, 1882.—Gen. H. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.—DEAR SIR: It gives me pleasure to inform you that the "Blues" resolved at their last meeting to accept unanimously your kind invitation to visit Baltimore on the occasion of the Reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic on June 21. You may count confidently on our presence there on the 21st, as intimated in your letter to General Woodfin.

This is not a formal acceptance, but is called forth by the great kindness extended us by all, and particularly yourself. I shall ever remember gratefully the many expressions of kindness made us, and assure you I cordially reciprocate them. We will make our appearance at the time designated with full ranks.

Very truly yours, JOHN S. WISE.

REDUCED RAILWAY RATES.
Colonel M. V. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, has prepared the following circular:

"This committee has succeeded in obtaining transportation to the National Encampment, for uniformed delegates and Posts only, and ladies accompanying them, on the great east and west trunk lines, at three-fifths of the ordinary limited rates. These rates are the same as those obtained for the Garfield inauguration, and in consideration of the fact that the policy of those lines is adverse to reduced rates for any purpose whatever, we congratulate ourselves upon this concession, which does not, however, extend beyond Chicago and St. Louis. Tickets will allow four days in Baltimore. Round trip tickets will be sold under proper restrictions from all points reached by the Baltimore and Ohio, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, New York Central and Hudson River, New York, Lake Erie and Western, and Pennsylvania Railroads. Arrangements can probably be made to better advantage with connecting lines by letter organizations, but where action is desired by this committee it will be taken at once.

*Rates for the round trip from the following

points west of Baltimore will be as follows: Chicago, Ills., \$21; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$16.80; Columbus, Ohio, \$15.90; Cumberland, Md., \$6.60; Dayton, Ohio, \$16.80; Monroe, Ohio, \$14.70; Pittsburgh, Pa., \$10.80; Sandusky, Ohio, \$14.70; St. Louis, Mo., \$25.80; Springfield, Ohio, \$16.80; Wheeling, W. Va., \$12.

"Special arrangements are being made from other points, and all who desire our assistance should correspond with us immediately."

PREPARING FOR THE MARCH.

Chief Muster Officer Fielder, of Jersey City, is raising a uniformed company of Grand Army men for the Baltimore Encampment, which will present a fine appearance. George S. Canfield, delegate-at-large from Ohio, writes General Ross from Toledo, promising a large "squad," since railroad rates have been reduced. George B. Hogan, Department Commander of Iowa, says the men of that State will appear with blue blouses, uniform caps and badges, and will take part in the parade. C. C. Taylor, of Town Post, 46, of Philadelphia, says they will have 100 persons, including drum corps, and will have headquarters at the Howard House. Favorable letters were also received from Boston and Johnston, Pa.

PREDICTING A HOSPITABLE WELCOME.

Griff, J. Thomas, A. Q. M. G., of Berlin, Wis., says: "I know you will have a good time, and that the generous Southern heart will beat hospitable welcome to the hardy sons of the North, and I feel that the holding of the Encampment in your city at this time will do more to solidify the two sections than any event since the war, because politics will be barred, and our glorious Order, thriving so finely all over the land, will receive a new impetus, such as will create a desire on the part of every man who wore the blue to become affiliated with us."

CARDS OF INVITATION.

The Committee of Arrangements have had printed a very pretty card to be sent to Grand Army Posts throughout the country, inviting them to attend the celebration. It is sufficiently large for framing. On the right, in gilt and colors, is a representation of the badge of the G. A. R.; in the center, in subdued blue, the seal of the city and the Maryland coat-of-arms are pictured, and in the lower left-hand corner, in gilt and blue, is the dismantled cannon and other significant signs of the reign of peace. It reads as follows:

BALTIMORE, April 19th, 1882.

You are cordially invited to participate in the ceremonies attending the 16th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Baltimore, Maryland, June 21st to 23d, 1882.

Very respectfully, in Fraternity,

Charity, and Loyalty, Wm. E. W. Ross.

Official: Chairman Ex. Com.

Edw. H. Dunn, Chairman Com. on Invitations.

WISCONSIN AND CALIFORNIA.

A letter has been received at headquarters from Colonel Elias A. Caulkins, member of Congress from Wisconsin, stating that a large delegation would represent his State at the June celebration, for which he requested that quarters be provided. A similar communication was received from W. A. Robinson, Department Commander of California.

THE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

There was a very large crowd at Ford's Opera House performance for the benefit of the G. A. R. Hospitality Fund, to which allusion was made in last week's NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Dr. C. B. Bishop appeared in his laughable farce, "The Widow Bedott." At night the house was again crowded and all the seats taken. During the performance a very pleasant episode occurred. The various Posts of the G. A. R., through General Ross, sent a very large and handsome stand of flowers to Manager John T. Ford. During the play the floral tribute was handed over the footlights, and loud calls were made for Mr. Ford. Dr. Bishop held the flowers for some time, awaiting Mr. Ford's appearance. At last, as that gentleman did not step forward, Dr. Bishop advanced and said that "a man who was afraid to face a friend was worse than one who ran from an enemy," and amid great applause he placed the flowers on a table on the stage. The tribute was very handsome. In the center was a shield, on which was placed in iamortelles the letters "G. A. R." The benefit was a great success, and a large sum was realized for the fund.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR AND GEN. SHERMAN.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Arrangements, a special committee, with General Ross as chairman, was appointed to visit Washington and extend an invitation to President Arthur to be present during the Encampment, and also to invite General Sherman to take command on the occasion of the grand parade. It is understood that both invitations will be accepted.

A NEW POST IN NEW JERSEY.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 6.—A Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was instituted in this city a few days ago. It is to be known as Ambrose E. Burns Post, No. 67. Eighteen members were mustered in as charter members by Commander George B. Fielder, of Jersey City, Chief Muster Officer, and the following officers installed: Post Commander, Henry D. B. Lotters; S. V. C., Isaac L. F. Elkin; J. V. C., Charles P. Ford; Adj., Stephen A. Cannon; Q. M., J. M. Chaplain; S. M., John C. Voorhees; O. D., Charles W. Grover; O. G., Wyckoff J. Garriague. The Post will meet every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in Stett Hall, No. 20 Albany street. Kearney Post, No. 15, was instituted here June 8, 1868.

In 1875 another Post was instituted and named Hugh H. Janeway Post, No. 6. In 1878 the two Posts consolidated and assumed the name Kearney-Janeway Post, No. 15.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER AT FROSTBURG, MARYLAND.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

FROSTBURG, MD., May 8.—Thorn Post, No. 21, G. A. R., Department of Maryland, named in memory of Col. Joseph Thornburg, was organized September 9, 1881, by Gen. Ross, assisted by Col. John H. Suter, Geo. W. Johnson, and Graham Dukehart, the present Department Commander, a large delegation from Tyler Post, No. 5, of Cumberland, Maryland, being present.

The Post now numbers over sixty active men and is increasing. The present officers are the same as were elected at the organization. Commander, W. H. Koch; S. V. C., Geo. W. Tennant; J. V. C., A. A. Rogers; Chaplain, Lewis Skidmore; Q. M., Wm. Thomas; O. D., Enoch Cline; O. G., Geo. M. Crow; Adjutant, Thos. Hill.

A number of the members are subscribers for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and all are pleased with the frank manner in which it voices the sentiments of the "old soldier."

DECORATION DAY AT CARBONDALE.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

CARBONDALE, PA., May 10.—Post Commander Joseph M. Alexander has issued the following order to the members of William H. Davies Post, No. 157: The recurring season of spring reminds us that Memorial Day will soon be upon us, and the very extensive recognition of that day throughout the Union last year, that excites us thus early to revive the same interest, so that by the 30th of May next, it will be said again to the credit of the Grand Army of the Republic that each year adds redoubled interest, and keeps in memory our heroic deeds, making the ceremonies of strewing the graves of our dead comrades an act of almost religious devotion; therefore it is desirable that the friends of the Post do what

they can with flower culture, so that a good supply of floral offerings may be in readiness.

All civil and military organizations are most cordially invited to participate with us, and those who may desire to do so, can report to the Commander of the Post. The following details are made also, so that the comrades will act at once in their various duties: Committee on Reception and Orator—John Kelly and Christopher Schultz. Flowers and Flags—Truman Bradley, Lucas Marshall, and John Scurry. Music and Program of Arrangements—George M. Rowley, Harry Dimock, A. S. Rowley, Wm. H. Fisher, George J. Davies, S. E. Bryant, Geo. T. Foote, Henry Wilbur, James Irwin, and Wm. D. Jones. Carriages—Jacob Eitel, Louis Decker. Finances—John Scurry, George T. Foote, and John Kelly.

The following comrades are detailed for guards and firing party for the present year: Comrades John Scurry, Charles Monk, John C. Price, Wm. H. Fisher, Alva Dolph, John R. Price, W. D. Jones, Job Hawkins, Jacob Eitel, James Irwin, Samuel Lingfelter, and Edmund Jones.

RHODE ISLAND NOTES.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

PROVIDENCE, May 10.—Colonel George W. Patten, U. S. A., a member of the Loyal Legion and a veteran of the Mexican war, died at Houlton, Me., on Friday last. Colonel Patten was a native of Rhode Island.

Dr. W. F. Hutchinson, of Arnold Post, No. 4, G. A. R., sailed from Boston recently as a delegate to the British Medical Association.

Rev. J. J. Woolley, late Chaplain of this Department, G. A. R., has gone to Europe for the benefit of his health.

Warden Viall, of the State Prison; Chief of Police Child, Dr. W. H. Palmer, Captain Costine, and other G. A. R. members left for the South on Saturday, the 29th ultimo, to make a tour of the battle-fields.

The annual meeting of the Veteran First Light Infantry was held on the evening of May 1, it being the first meeting since the adoption of the new by-laws. The meeting was large and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Colonel, W. W. Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel, Henry Staples; Adjutant, D. S. Remington; Captains, First Co., A. C. Eddy; Second Co., Isaac M. Potter; Chaplain, Thomas M. Clark; Clerk, G. C. Armstrong. The Woonsocket Veteran Association voted to parade Memorial Day and to carry out the entire programme of last year. Memorial services will be held in the Globe Congregational Church on Saturday preceding the day.

Soldiers' headstones for the Department have remained upon one of the wharves here for ten years. It is said the contractor was so small that the contractor lost so much he was unable to set them up, and so they still lay "mouldering in the dust." D. H. N.

A NEW POST IN ILLINOIS.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

MASON CITY, ILL., May 10.—Duvall Post, No. 123, of this city, was mustered in recently by L. S. Rumsussen, M. O., assisted by M. Maranville, O. D., of Post 121, of Lewistown, Ills., with twenty-nine charter members. An election for officers followed with the following result: Commander, I. R. Brown; S. V. C., H. C. Parker; J. V. C., T. N. Smith; Q. M., D. W. Vickery; Surgeon, J. P. Walker; Chaplain, I. L. Hastings; O. D., H. M. Anderson; O. G., Alfred Low; Adjutant, J. F. Culp; S. M., E. C. Vanhook; Q. M., S. B. F. Mullen. The Post is in a flourishing condition and steadily gaining recruits.

MEMORIAL DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H., May 8.—Commander Martin A. Haynes has issued the following order: In compliance with the laws of our Order, our established custom, and general orders from National Headquarters, the comrades of this Department will observe Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May, as Memorial Day. With such services and in such manner as to each Post may seem most appropriate, our annual tribute will be paid to those whose places in our ranks are but a memory.

COMRADES, each recurring Memorial Day

brings to the living added duties. There are more mounds to decorate, and fewer hands to bear the offerings. The Grand Army that followed the flag with loyal devotion from '61 to '65 is crossing the line to join the Grand Army of the Invisible. Old divisions are dwindling to brigades; our brigades are but regiments and companies. Our ranks are falling before a power that the victors of Gettysburg and Appomattox must soon lay down their arms. Let us, then, perform our duties to this end, that as citizens of a country we have helped to save our country may add lustre to the name and fame of the citizen soldier; that as soldiers, we may illustrate the undying devotion to comrades of those who touched the elbow beneath the flag of the stripes and the stars.

THE ORDER IN KANSAS.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

KANSAS CITY, May 9.—Department Commander William Warner, in assuming the duties of the office to which he was recently elected, has issued a general order under date of April 25, as follows:

The Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been duly organized, and having been elected to the position of Department Commander, it is hereby announced that I assume the duties of that office, and in accordance with provisions of the rules and regulations, appoint the following members of my official staff:

Nat. M. Gwynne, McPherson Post, Assistant Adjutant General; Henry W. Turner, James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Assistant Quartermaster-General; Thomas Phelan, George H. Thomas Post, No. 8, Inspector; Thomas C. Fletcher, General Lyon Post, No. 2, Judge Advocate; Christian Stawitz, General Lyon Post, No. 2, Chief Muster Officer. Aides de Camp: Frank F. Snow, McPherson Post, No. 4; R. H. Hunt, George H. Thomas Post, No. 8; William Strible, Custer Post, No. 7; James O. Churchill, Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1.

DECORATION DAY IN MICHIGAN.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., May 8.—Preparations are already in progress for the celebration of Memorial Day throughout this State. Colonel B. R. Pierce, Department Commander, has issued a special order to comrades on the subject, which says:

"While this custom of honoring the memory of those brave comrades who have gone before is but sentimental in character, may not that bright lesson of patriotism, which was measured only by the Nation's necessity, be taught at their graves, as we cover them with beautiful flowers? Let the youths of to-day be made to know we had and have a country worth loving, and worth living and dying for. We do not seek to commemorate valor, but patriotism, devoted love of that liberty which best proclaims the praises of those brave hearts who filtered not in its purchase. When we wrathe garlands for our heroic dead, who in defense of all that crowns our State—aye, crowns our Nation—with the illustrious dardens of liberty and peace, let the recollection of their heroic deeds and services make us more worthy to be members of our Order and citizens of a great Republic."

"If, therefore, these holy remembrances of our comrades, who rendered loyal, devoted, and patriotic service to their country in the hour of peril, serve no other purpose, they will keep fresh in the hearts of the rising generation that love of country, that devotion to the

Union, and that reverence to the Constitution and the laws which are the anchors that hold us firmly to a solid, permanent, and national existence.

"Our Nation joins with us in paying our annual floral tribute as an evidence of the fact that the bulwark and safety of a Republic is in the loyalty and courage of its citizens."

In a circular referring to the approach of Memorial Day, Commander Carnahan says:

"It is hoped that each Post will heartily enter into the spirit of the day, and conduct its ceremonies in a manner in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. As you gather in the camps where your comrades rest beneath the low green tents whose curtains never outward swing, to decorate them with the Nation's colors wrought from the warp and weft of nature's loom, may all minds be filled with the thought, that the occasion is one of honor to the sleepers—not for display by those who honor themselves in honoring their comrades. Let your bearing be such as to convince the children who look with wide-eyed wonder upon the beautiful ceremony, that your action comes from your hearts—that you hold above all earthly honor of pomp, power, or place, those who gave their lives for their country, actuated by no motive save those of love for human liberty. Let your actions convince all who witness them, that although called 'a festival of the dead,' it is your firm faith that 'they who fall in a great cause can never die.'"

THE GRAND ARMY IN CALIFORNIA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—In his order, issued a few days ago, Department Commander Robinson announces that the following new Posts have been organized in California since the last encampment:

Kearney Post, No. 25, Camp Thomas, Arizona, April 8, by Comrade John P. Fisher; G. F. Kilmer, P. C.

Lander Post, No. 27, Austin, Nev., March 21, by Past Department Commander C. Mason Kinney; E. C. Butler, P. C.

Governor Morton Post, No. 41, Calistoga, Cal., March 25, by Junior Vice Department Commander R. D. Warfield; G. W. Johnson, P. C.

John A. Dix Post, No. 42, San Jose, California, March 23, by Department Commander W. A. Robinson; Orrin Taler, P. C.

Nye Post, No. 43, Candelaria, Nevada, March 27, by Past Department Commander C. Mason Kinney; Geo. G. Lyon, P. C.

The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced:

To be Aides-de-Camp—Stephen Finnell, Farragut Post, No. 4; J. A. Miller, Lander Post, No. 27; Adam Aulbach, Upton Post, No. 29; Frank M. Vanderlip, Kilpatrick Post, No. 38; G. E. Cankin, Geo. Wright Post, No. 1, Department of Oregon—attached.

To be Assistant Inspectors—George L. Voorhees, Farragut Post, No. 4; W. A. Clifford, Lander Post, No. 27; James A. Zabriskie, Negley Post, No. 37; D. D. Neer, Geo. Wright Post, No. 1, Department of Oregon—attached.

The order says: The National Encampment will meet in Baltimore, Md., June 21, and each Department has been requested to send one uniformed Post to the Encampment to appear in the grand parade, June 21. No detail will be made from this Department for such service; but any and all comrades who can make it convenient to go will meet with a cordial welcome. The Committee on Reception have made ample arrangements for the accommodation of all comrades in attendance. Comrades intending to go are requested to forward their names to these headquarters at as early a date as possible. It is desired that all who go from this Department shall be present at the Encampment in a body.

Information is desired as to the present whereabouts of Jas. E. Merriman, late Captain Co. H, Twenty-sixth Ills. Infantry vols.; Sam'l Stadden, first Lieutenant Co. H, Fifth Cal. Infantry; John Lambert, second lieutenant Co. H, Fifth Cal. Infantry.

THE ORDER IN INDIANA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 7.—The Commander of the Department, Colonel James R. Carnahan, has issued an order appointing Comrade J. L. Wooden Inspector, and Comrade P. M. Wiles Assistant Muster Officer. The following named aids have also been appointed on the staff of Department Commander: Jarvis W. Newton, John G. Beymer, Thomas Kesse, Henry J. Bradford, B. M. Hutchins, R. B. Sears, H. O. Bingham, Cortland B. Whitsett, Elias R. Tague, J. H. Ross, Jerry Armstrong, William Rogers, J. O. Pedigo, Adolphus G. Jones, Elias M. Low, L. E. Whitliffe, S. V. Oldkirke, John Coons, and General James S. Jackson.

The following Posts have been organized and mustered since the meeting of the Department Encampment, February 22d, 1882: No. 48, Kirklin, Ind.; 49, Newport, Ind.; 50, Galveston, Ind.; 51, Monticello, Ind.; 52, Waterloo, Ind.; 53, Idaville, Ind.; 54, Attica, Ind.; 55, Richmond, Ind.; 56, Peru, Ind.; 57, Goodland, Ind.; 58, Harmony, Ind.; 59, Xenia, Ind.; 60, Winchester, Ind.; 61, Elwood, Ind.; 62, Williamsport, Ind.; 63, Deatur, Ind.; 64, Brookville, Ind.; 65, Frankfort, Ind., and 66, Denver, Ind.

THE ORDER IN MISSOURI.

Special Correspondence National Tribune.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., May 6.—Department Commander Walkinsaw has issued the following congratulatory order: The Department Commander congratulates the Department for the good work done in the last quarter, by the increase of 14 Posts, and 6 in the present quarter, making a total of 56 Posts, and returns his thanks to comrades for their good work. Special mention should be made of Washington Post No. 12, Lawrence, for their thorough way of doing business. Having an order from this office, they went to Baldwin City with Comrades enough to fill the offices and properly muster Post No. 40; also to Past Department S. V. C. Comrade J. B. Logan and comrades of Lyons, for mustering Post 53 at Frankfort in the same way. Also to Comrade H. P. Woodward, of Post 38, for mustering Nos. 38 and 47, and other good work; to J. V. C. Dept. H. W. Pond, of Post No. 32; and returns also his thanks to comrades of Posts No. 3, 36, 32, 42, 11 and 19, for kind attention while visiting their Camp-fires. The hearty co-operation of all the comrades in the Department is fully appreciated, and adds more than all to the grand success of the Department.

As preparation for the Grand Reunion at Toledo in September, attention is directed to General Order No. 4. Further orders and circulars will be issued in regard to the Reunion. As many comrades as can attend the National Encampment in June, at Baltimore, will notify this office at once.

Comrade D. O. Crane, of Post No. 11, is hereby appointed Department Inspector, vice H. X. Devendorf resigned.

The following Posts have been mustered since last report: No. 41, by Comrade James Justis; 45, by Comrade W. C. Whitney; 49, Girard; 51, Iola; 54, Galena; 56, Cherokee; by J. V. Dept. Com. H. W. Pond; 47, Minneapolis, by Comrade H. P. Woodward; 50, Eureka, by Comrade J. B. Logan; 59, Omaha; 42, Marion; 43, Cawker City; 44, Belleville; 46, Holton, by Dept. Com.; 52, Great Bend, by Comrade J. J. McBride; 40, Baldwin City, by Washington Post, No. 12, and Posts at Emporia, Ellinwood, Dunlap, Humboldt, and other places ready to muster.

The following announcements are made on

the Department staff: To be Assistant Inspectors, Theodore Shultz, of Post 28; R. A. Campbell, of Hooker Post, No. 17; R. N. Ashmore, of E. M. Stanton Post, No. 23. To be Aide-de-Camp, W. C. Whitney, of Post No. 43.

INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment last evening, says the Willoughby (Ohio) Independent, under auspices of the G. A. R. Post of this place, was well attended and sufficiently varied to interest and please all. After a selection by the orchestra, the manager (Major Ellen) introduced Comrade Rev. Conden, who gave a condensed history of the state of the country preceding the civil war and the opening of that fearful struggle. Mrs. Lyon read a paper on the "Scenes of 1861," which contained much of local interest. Mrs. Ellen briefly alluded to the fall of Colonel Ellsworth, followed by Miss Emma Ellen with a reading of Ellsworth's letter to his parents written the night preceding his death, and also an account of his tragic ending as related by an eye-witness. A company of veterans (with home guards thrown in) occupied the stage and sang with good effect "Marching Through Georgia." An exercise with the gun and bayonet followed, which was loudly cheered and repeated. Mr. Conden then recited with thrilling effect the poem of "Mobile Bay." A camp scene followed in which the "boys" took much delight and caused considerable merriment, and more singing. Mr. Ellen related the condition of affairs in the Shenandoah Valley at the time of Early's vigorous attack, which was appropriately supplemented by the well-known and stirring poem, "Sheridan's Ride," given in good style by Harry Wing. The singing of "America" by the audience closed the entertainment. The receipts are to be devoted to a very worthy purpose—the assistance of the widow of a deceased comrade.

THE OLDEST VETERAN OF POST 47, NEW JERSEY.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

Comrade Charles L. Maize, of Post 47, Department of New Jersey, is the oldest veteran in the Post. He served in Company B, Second U. S. Artillery. He was in the Mexican campaign from 1846 to 1848. On the breaking out of the rebellion he enlisted in Captain Collis' independent company Zouave D'Artigue, Gen. N. B. Banks's body-guard, being discharged by cause of sickness. He re-enlisted March 8, 1864, in the One Hundred and Ninth Pennsylvania volunteers, Second brigade, Second division, Twentieth Corps, in which he served until the 15th day of June, 1864, when he was wounded and lost a leg at the battle of Pine Bluff, Georgia. He is a regular reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

WILLIAM MOONEY,

Comrade of Post 47, G. A. R., Manassas, N. J.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO SENATORS.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

At a meeting of Harrison Post, No. 231, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., M. C. Miller, Commander, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Hon. Senators D. W. Voorhees, J. J. Ingalls, George G. Vest, and all others who have labored faithfully in the interest of the old soldiers, and that a copy of the above resolution be sent to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH HUFFMAN, Adjutant.

BUFFALO MILLS, PA.

SONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATION.

Wm. H. Davis,